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Re: Public Records Request 12-124  
MBTA Pension Payouts/Vendor Payment Records

Dear Mr. Morisy:

In further reply to the referenced public records request, please be advised that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority has no additional documents concerning retiree pension payouts. These records would be in the possession of the MBTA Retirement Board, which is not a public entity and is not subject to the public records law.

Regarding your request for records of vendor payments from FY2009 to 2012, the Authority is unable to properly process this as it is overly broad and lacks a clear description of the desired information, as required by the Public Records law. For example, the term "vendor" can range from a seller of office supplies to a much more detailed engagement of a contractor to provide design and construction services for major projects.

If you would like to resubmit your request for vendor payment data, please provide a clear, detailed description of the requested records to enable the custodian to effectively search and segregate the documents.

Sincerely yours,

Susan M. Krupanski  
Assistant General Counsel